

CLASSIFICATION <u>CONFIDENTIAL</u>		
COUNTRY <u>Poland</u>	REPORT	
TOPIC <u>1. WOP Subposts and Border Conditions in the Area southeast of Ratibor (Ratibors)</u>		
<u>2. Polish Troops in Oppeln (Opole)</u>		
EVALUATION	PLACE OBTAINED	25X1
DATE OF CONTENT		25X1
DATE OBTAINED	DATE PREPARED <u>6 December 1954</u>	25X1
REFERENCES		25X1
PAGES <u>2</u>	ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE)	
REMARKS <u>This is UNEVALUATED Information</u>		

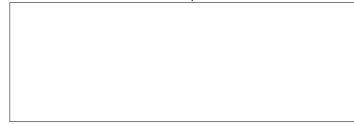
1. Prior to 19 August 1954, a WOP (border guard) detail of about 50 men was located in two apartment houses of the former German customs administration in the southern sector of Ruderswald (P 50/J 50). At the same time, another major WOP unit was quartered in four apartment houses of the former German customs administration about 150 meters south of the Annaberg (P 50/J 50) railroad station. The unit in Annaberg also provided the personnel for a small WOP subpost on the road bridge over the Oder River near Annaberg which was staffed by about 10 men. The two units in Ruderswald and Annaberg were subordinate to a WOP headquarters in Ratibor (P 51/J 05). The unit in Annaberg was in charge of the area which extended from the billets of the border guard troops in Ruderswald and as far as the Oder River west of Olza (Q 50/J 50). The town area of Olza belonged to the district under jurisdiction of the WOP headquarters in Rybnik (Q 51/Y 25). 25X1
2. Prior to August 1954, no continuous wire entanglement ran along the Polish-Czech border in the area southeast of Ratibor. There was intensive guard activity on the Polish side of the border. The Poles had observation towers with searchlights which were used at night. A narrow tracing zone was maintained by the Poles just along the border line. The WOP routine patrols included mounted guards and frequently dogs.
3. Polish soldiers who wore khaki uniforms and caps with red bands were observed in May 1954 in the Rote Kaserne in the eastern sector of Oppeln (P 51/J 17). No troops wearing gray blue uniforms were seen there. Numerous jeeps and small trucks were seen in the barracks area.
4. Polish soldiers who wore blue gray uniforms and caps with black bands were observed in April 1954 in the former Nachrichten Kaserne west of the Oder River and on the north side of the railroad line to Brieg (P 51/H 20). On an undetermined date in the spring of 1954, about 30

CLASSIFICATION CONFIDENTIAL

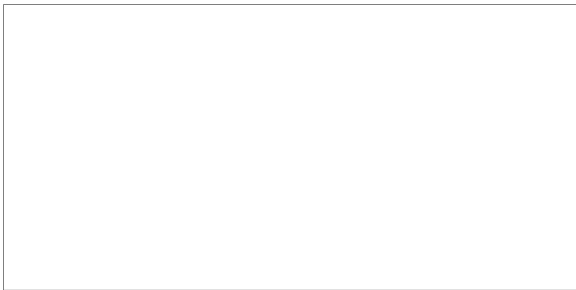
25X1

CONFIDENTIAL

- 2 -



canvas-covered armored vehicles were detrained at the Oppeln freight station while Polish soldiers who wore blue gray uniforms and caps with red bands stood guard.



25X1

CONFIDENTIAL

CLASSIFICATION CONFIDENTIAL

COUNTRY Polish Occupied Germany / Poland REPORT (Ratibor)

TOPIC 1. WOP Subposts and Border Conditions in the Area southeast of Ratibor

2. Polish Troops in Oppeln (Opole)

EVALUATION PLACE OBTAINED 25X1

DATE OF CONTENT 25X1

DATE OBTAINED DATE PREPARED 6 December 1954 25X1

REFERENCES 25X1

PAGES 2 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE) 25X1

REMARKS This is UNEVALUATED 25X1

Information 25X1

25X1

1. Prior to 19 August 1954, a WOP (border guard) detail of about 50 men was located in two apartment houses of the former German customs administration in the southern sector of Ruderswald (P 50/J 50). At the same time, another major WOP unit was quartered in four apartment houses of the former German customs administration about 150 meters south of the Annaberg (P 50/J 50) railroad station. The unit in Annaberg also provided the personnel for a small WOP subpost on the road bridge over the Oder River near Annaberg which was staffed by about 10 men. The two units in Ruderswald and Annaberg were subordinate to a WOP headquarters in Ratibor (P 51/J 05). The unit in Annaberg was in charge of the area which extended from the billets of the border guard troops in Ruderswald and as far as the Oder River west of Olza (Q 50/J 50). The town area of Olza belonged to the district under jurisdiction of the WOP headquarters in Rybnik (Q 51/Y 25). 25X1
2. Prior to August 1954, no continuous wire entanglement ran along the Polish-Czech border in the area southeast of Ratibor. There was intensive guard activity on the Polish side of the border. The Poles had observation towers with searchlights which were used at night. A narrow tracing zone was maintained by the Poles just along the border line. The WOP routine patrols included mounted guards and frequently dogs. 25X1
3. Polish soldiers who wore khaki uniforms and caps with red bands were observed in May 1954 in the Rote Kaserne in the eastern sector of Oppeln (P 51/J 17). No troops wearing gray blue uniforms were seen there. Numerous jeeps and small trucks were seen in the barracks area.
4. Polish soldiers who wore blue gray uniforms and caps with black bands were observed in April 1954 in the former Nachrichten Kaserne west of the Oder River and on the north side of the railroad line to Brieg (P 51/H 89). On an undetermined date in the spring of 1954, about 30

CLASSIFICATION CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL



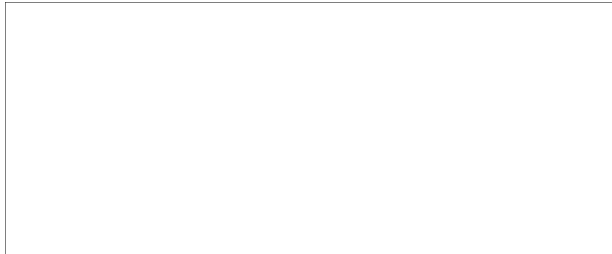
25X1

- 2 -



25X1

canvas-covered armored vehicles were detrained at the Oppeln freight station while Polish soldiers who wore blue gray uniforms and caps with red bands stood guard.



25X1

CONFIDENTIAL



25X1